

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 3, lines 15 – 19, as follows:

It is another object of this invention to provide a non-invasive diagnostic test for monitoring the progression of an HIV infection by monitoring and quantitation of plasma membrane Human Leukocyte Elastase (HLE) in seropositive HIV individuals that experience an Aids AIDS Related Condition (also herein "ARC Individuals"); and individuals that have Acquire Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) (also "AIDS Individuals").

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